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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

This Amendment is being filed with in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003 for the above-identified patent application. The 3 month shortened statutory period for this response is set to expire on October 27, 2003, since the 25th was a Saturday on which the Patent Office was closed. In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to submit the following:

Amendments to the claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 10.